

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION
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We, Charles Mark Openshaw II, 3057 Comanche Lane, Provo, UT 84604, Guy David Payne, 1735 Whitetail Drive, Castle Rock, CO 84104, John Robert Walz, 3245 Comanche Lane, Provo, UT 84604 hereby declare that we are citizens of the United States; that we verily believe that we are the original, first, and sole inventors of the invention VOTING METHOD AND APPARATUS described and claimed in the attached specification, that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration, that we do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States for more than one year prior to this application; that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States in an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application; that we acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on the invention has been filed by us or our representatives or assigns or with our knowledge and consent in any country foreign to the United States.

We further appoint Marcus G. Theodore, Registration No. 26,815, and 466 South 500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102, Telephone No. (801) 359-8622, as our attorney authorized to act in a representative capacity for the purpose of receiving all responses thereto, responding to office actions, filing amendments, continuation-in-part applications, and other documents necessary for prosecuting the appended application.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United State Code, Section 120 of the United States application listed above, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined In Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the

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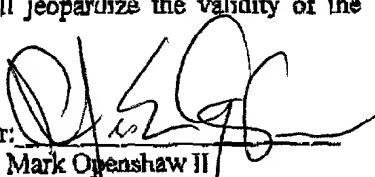
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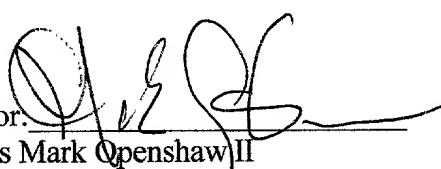

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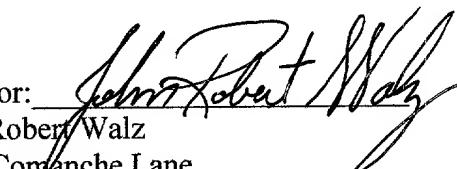
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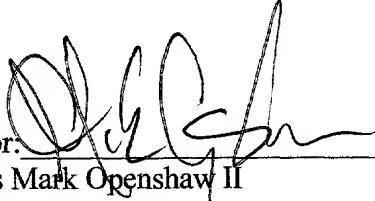
VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27 (b))

We hereby declare that we, CHARLES MARK OPENSASHAW II, GUY DAVID PAYNE, and JOHN ROBERT WALZ, are the inventors of the above referenced application, that we have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person or entity who would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 19(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

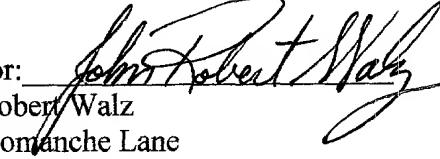
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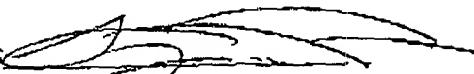
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